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1. SUMMARY. CONTINGENT OF ABOUT TWENTY CYPRIOT AND GREEK STUDENTS WHO CONDUCTING HUNGER STRIKE STILL REMAINING ON PERIMETER EMBASSY PROPERTY SINCE DEMONSTRATION LAST NIGHT (REFTEL. AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUP EARLY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 31. POLICE REMAIN EFFECTIVELY IN CONTROL OF SITUATION. AS OF 1600 HOURS LOCAL TIME NEW GROUP OF ABOUT 350-400 DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED TO POSITION ACROSS FROM EMBASSY AND COMMENCED CHANTING SLOGANS. BY ABOUT 1700 HOURS, AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS THEIR NUMBER HAD DEPARTED FROM SCENE. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING PEACEFUL DISPERSAL OF CROWD ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 2,000 FROM EMBASSY PREMISES EVENING OCTOBER 30, ROUGHLY TWO DOZEN CYPRIOT AND GREEK STUDENTS REMAINED

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OVERNIGHT ON SIDEWALK AND OUTER PERIMETER OF EMBASSY LAWN.

BANNERS WHICH ARE DISPLAYED CARRY PRO-MAKARIOS SENTIMENT AND OBVIOUSLY ARE AIMED AT CATCHING EYE OF HEAVY VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC TRAVERSING THOROUGHFARE PASSING EMBASSY. BY EARLY AFTERNOON, GROUP OF ABOUT TWENTY STUDENTS REMAINED ON LAWN PERIMETER OF EMBASSY.

3. ABOUT 1400 HOURS SIX MEMBERS STUDENT DELEGATION CAME TO CHANCERY BUILDING AND REQUESTED MEETING WITH EMBOFFS. EMBOFFS MET WITH DELEGATION INSIDE EMBASSY, ACCEPTED PETITION AND HEARD ORAL PRESENTATION OF DELEGATION. TEXT OF THIS PETITION AS WELL AS THAT PRESENTED PREVIOUS EVENING SIMILAR IN THEME, I.E. (A) USG AND SECRETARY KISSINGER PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CYPRUS TRAGEDY; (B) DENUNCIATION OF AMERICAN "IMPERIALISTIC POLICY;" (C) DISTINCTION BETWEEN VIEWS OF PRIVATE AMERICANS AND OFFICIAL USG POLICIES RE CYPRUS. IN DISCUSSION WITH STUDENTS, EMBOFF REJECTED CATEGORICALLY CHARGE THAT USG AND/OR SECRETARY KISSINGER RESPONSIBLE FOR CYPRUS TRAGEDY AND EMPHASIZED CONTINUING INTENSIVE USG INTERESTS AND EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE JUST SOLUTION IN CYPRUS. BEFORE DISCUSSION TERMINATED, AMBASSADOR JOINED GROUP AND ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS INFORMALLY WITH DELEGATION MEMBERS. WHILE IT IS LIKELY THAT OPINIONS AND SENTIMENTS OF DELEGATION ON ISSUES WERE NOT SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED AS RESULT THIS DIALOGUE, IT APPEARS THAT PERSONAL INTEREST DISPLAYED BY AMBASSADOR AND PRIOR OPPORTUNITY OF DELEGATION TO DISCUSS ISSUES WITH EMBOFFS BETTTERED THE ATMOSPHERE AND TENDED TO DEFUSE SITUATION. FACT THAT AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS RESPONDED IN THIS WAY TO STUDENT DELEGATION OBVIOUSLY ALSO CONSTITUTED RELIEF TO POLICE HIERARCHY WHO HAD HOPED FOR --- AND HAD RECEIVED--FULL EMBASSY COOPERATION IN COPING WITH DEMONSTRATORS.

4. BEFORE RETURNING TO GROUP, DELEGATION LEADER INDICATED THAT HUNGER STRIKE WOULD CONTINUE (DURATION OF STRIKE NOT STATED) IN ORDER TO BRING ATTENTION TO GROUP'S SENTIMENTS ON CYPRUS ISSUE. SHORTLY AFTER MEETING ENDED NEW GROUP OF SOME 300 TO 400 YOUNG PEOPLE (APPARENTLY STUDENTS) APPROACHED EMBASSY, POSITIONED SELVES ACROSS STREET AND CHANTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CYPRITOT RELATED SLOGANS (E.G. "CYPRUS BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE," "CIA, TREACHERY, MURDER".) WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE IS ANY DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS NEW GROUP AND GROOP ALREADY AT EMBASSY, BUT EMBASSY IS HOPEFUL THAT INITIATIVES AND GOOD FAITH SHOWN BY AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS PLUS CONTINUING AND EFFECTIVE GREEK POLICE PRESENCE WILL AID IN KEEPING TEMPERATURES LOWERED. LATEST DEMONSTRATION HAS NOW DISPERSED (6:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME), WITH ONLY

ABOUT TWENTY OF FIRST GROUP REMAINING IN PLACE.  
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